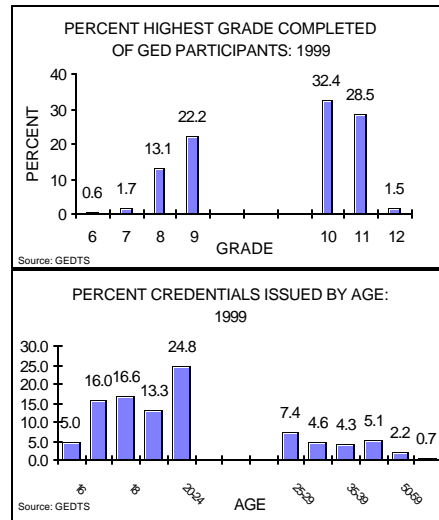


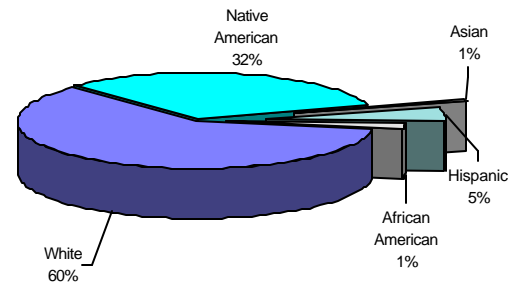
GENERAL EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (GED) SERVICES

Created in 1942 as a service to World War II veterans, the GED provides those who did not complete high school with the opportunity to receive the equivalent of a high school diploma. The GED is administered by the GED Testing Service. The costs of the test are covered by fees paid by the test taker. The test consists of five tests which measure general knowledge and skill development in writing, social studies, science, math, literature and the arts. The minimum age requirement to take the GED in South Dakota is 16. Scored on a scale of 20-80, South Dakota requires a minimum score of 40 per test section and a total average of 45.

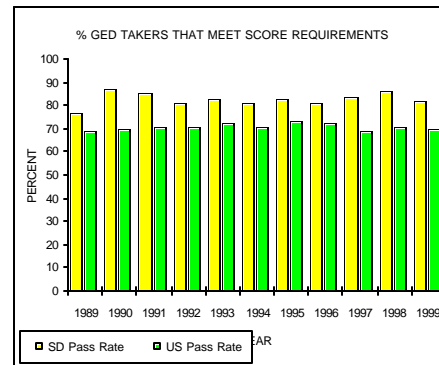
SOUTH DAKOTA PARTICIPANT SUMMARY



ETHNIC COMPARISON OF GED PARTICIPANTS: 1999



SOUTH DAKOTA PERFORMANCE SUMMARY



Based on GED participants who completed entire exam/ Source: GEDTS

FACT SUMMARY:



Approximately 2,600 South Dakotans take the GED each year. In 1999, 2,673 took the test (in whole or in part), 1,852 completed the entire battery. Of those who completed the test, 1,582 passed.

- ◆ The percentage of people in South Dakota who pass the GED is 12 percent higher than the national average.
- ◆ The percentage of people in South Dakota who took the GED for employment was 58.
- ◆ The percentage of people in South Dakota who took the GED for further education was 42.